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Respectfully submitted,

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# LETTER TO THE EXAMINER AFTER FINAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

The Applicants wish to confirm the content of Examiner-initiated interviews on January 23, 2004 and January 28, 2004.

During the January 23, 2004 interview, Examiner Ware of the Patent Office kindly contacted the undersigned to indicate that a response filed by the Applicants on December 23, 2003 might be entered, or might raise new issues for examination, and that the Examiner would consider entry of the amendment likely within the next week or two.

During the interview of January 28, 2004, the Examiner suggested several amendments to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. In conversation with the undersigned, both parties contributed to the discussion, resulting in the amendment reflected in the Examiner's Amendment included with the Notice of Allowance mailed February 12, 2004. Other than suggestions and discussion to potentially clarify some of the claims, no discussion of prior art or the existing distinction of the prior art by the claims, or any amendments made to 771684.1

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distinguish prior art took place. The Examiner's Amendment may clarify, but does not narrow, the scope of the claims.

This letter is believed to summarize the entire content of the interviews of January 23, and January 28, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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